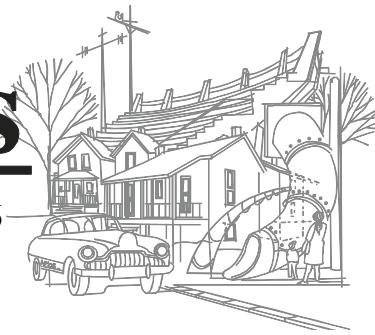


East Lawrence News

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ELNA March Monthly Meeting

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association will meet again on Monday March 7th from 7-9pm at the New York School library. Guests include representatives from the East Ninth Project with current schematics for the street plan, plus representatives from the Penn House to talk about upcoming changes to the site and programs.

In order to allow for plenty of discussion time for our guests at our regular Monday meeting, the ELNA Board will hold a **special meeting** for follow up business **Tuesday March 8th** from 7-9pm at the Lawrence Percolator, in the alley behind 913 Rhode Island. This meeting is open to the public.

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Come to the YART Sale!

Come one, come all, to the annual ELNA YART (yard/art) Sale! This year's sale will be **Saturday, March 26th, 8am-2pm, in the New York School Gym**. The YART sale is ELNA's biggest annual fundraiser, where neighbors donate their gently used items to sell, local artists vend their creations, and we are all entertained by our neighborhood musicians.

The YART sale is always a great place to mingle with neighbors and find treasures – we hope you will join us!

AND we need your help to make the event a success.

Here's what you can do to take part in this neighborhood event:

VOLUNTEER – We need volunteers! Volunteer to set up (on Friday, Mar. 25th, 5:30-9pm), take down/clean up (Saturday, Mar. 26th @ ~1pm), and to help organize and work at the event.

Donate Your Gently Used Items - Please consider donating your gently used items for this event. You can either plan to bring items to the school the evening before (we will be setting up from 5:30-9pm on Friday), or email Lane for details on where you can drop off your items ahead of time.

Sell Your Art – Do you make stuff? Do you sell the stuff you make? Well! Why not sell at the YART Sale?! Vendors are asked to donate 10% of earnings to ELNA and bring their own table.

Play Your Music – Are you a musician looking for a venue? Playing for your neighbors at the YART Sale is nice and chill, and it may be just the place for you to make some beautiful music.

Plan to Come! – The YART Sale is ELNA's big fundraiser for the year. Please plan to come and shop and support us and the work we do for the community!

One neighbor's trash is another neighbor's treasure!

Email Lane at eastlawrence@yahoo.com if you'd like to volunteer, or you want to sell your art or play some music.

North of Ninth Zoning Project

There will be a meeting to discuss the current and prospective zoning of East Lawrence north of 9th Street on Monday March 28th from 6-8pm at the Lawrence Public Library auditorium.

ELNA Project leaders Pam Blackburn and Phil Collison plus representatives Scott McCollough and Becky Pepper from the City of Lawrence Planning Division will attend.

Penn House Changes Press Release

A strong focus on community solutions

Penn House is proud to announce a new partnership with local social entrepreneurship organization Sun Cedar, and the Douglas County Re-Entry program.

New Executive Director of the Ballard Community Services at Ballard Center/Penn House, Christie Scanlin Dobson is making strong moves in Lawrence's Social Welfare scene by aligning Penn House with notable successes in reintegration.

This new partnership with Sun Cedar and Re-Integration focuses directly on producing jobs, training, and counseling. While still serving community via Emergency Services Council, Senior Commodities, Warm Hearts and the referral services Penn House has historically provided, upcoming changes in programming will include life-building services such as:

- Resume Building
- Hosting group therapeutic activities
- Facilitating tutoring sessions
- "Stinkin' Thinkin'" & "MRT" (Moral Reconation Therapy) classes
- Hosting "CCCR" meetings (Community Collaboration Council on Reentry)
- Facilitating relationships with associated support networks such as Bert Nash, Catholic Charities, 12 step resources...
- Advising and assisting in the process of attaining housing security.
- Training in building professional demeanor and dressing for the job via 2nd hand surplus.

In a recent meeting with CEO of Sun Cedar Shine Adams and Mike Brouwer, Director of Re-Entry, Christie noted: *"Lawrence should lead the way in community support for much of the Midwest- this new partnership builds layered services, where each supports the next."*

It is time to put a finer point on what Penn House has to offer our community. Penn House has always been an asset to Lawrence, it is time to build on that, and share this resource with other agencies under our roof. With some very basic renovation, and the fresh perspectives that Sun Cedar and Re-Entry bring, we can be an example of what a results-based social enterprise, blended with traditional social services looks like.

A Community Fundraiser to support this new coalition will take place soon. Donations can be made at <http://ballardcenter.org/>.

Stay tuned, neighbors, for more information on the history of the Penn House, how you can receive services there, how you can help, and upcoming fundraising campaigns to benefit the Penn House.



Board Member Christine Kosirog

How long have you lived in East Lawrence?

14 years

Why do you choose to live here? Community, grittiness, family, friends

How long have you been on the Board? 6 years

Why do you choose to serve on the ELNA Board? Because I love my neighborhood and my neighbors

What projects, new or traditional, are you interested in working on this year? Ones that celebrate our neighborhood, our history, our changes.

What's your favorite office supply and why? A nice mechanical pencil-nothing on my schedule is ever set in stone so I need to go with the flow and this requires a nice pencil with a reliable eraser.

Neighborhood Clean Ups

Burroughs Creek Clean Up:

In collaboration with ELNA, the Brook Creek Neighborhood Association will host a clean up of the Burroughs Creek trail and surrounding areas **Saturday April 16th from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. ELNA will bring bagels and coffee for breakfast, and BCNA will provide sandwiches for lunch. Volunteers from KU's Big Event will be there, and we hope you'll come too. The gathering will begin and supplies will be stored at the Brook Creek gazebo.

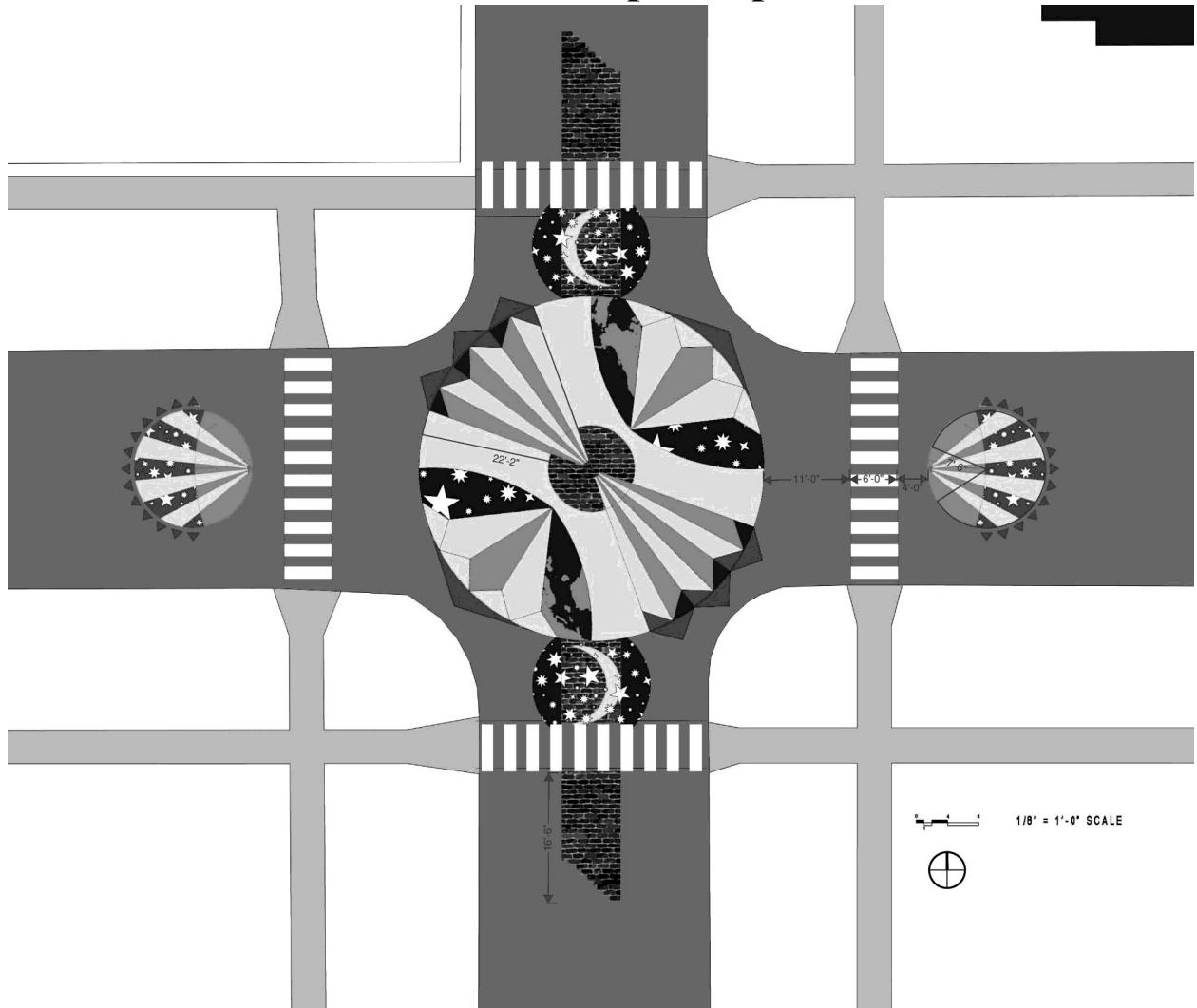
New York School Clean Up:

Also on **April 16th, from 9:00am to noon**, New York School families and friends will gather to clean up the grounds and work on the gardens. Volunteers from KU will be at this event too. Thanks, KU! As well as groups from New York's various business and charitable organization partners. Bring your gardening tools and elbow grease, Mrs. DeGarmo is working on a to-do list!

River Clean Up:

Saturday April 23rd from 8:00am to Noon. (Yes! the same day as the Earth Day events in the park and Intersection Repair painting day at 10th and New Jersey! You can do it all!) Our clean up guy Mike Myers will bring gloves, trash bags, and some tools, for trash clean up and trail clearing. Please wear pants and long sleeves to protect yourself from poison ivy and appropriate footwear to avoid injury. Also bring any yard hand tools such as loppers and clippers you may have if you want to help with clearing. As always, ELNA will bring bagels and coffee for the early comers. Look for Mike's red pick up near the tracks at 7th and New York Street, an entry point for the trail. All are welcome.

Intersection Repair Update



Neighbors! Friends! Lawrencians!

!!Lawrence Intersection Repair Painting Day Party!!

Tentative Date: April 23rd, 2016 , 10:00am -7:00pm*

Rain Date: April 30th, 2016 , 10:00 am -7:00 pm

Lawrence Intersection Repair is delighted to celebrate the long awaited painting day party on Saturday, April 23rd, from 10:00-7:00 pm! We invite all members of the community and all ages to come out on Saturday, April 23rd- in your painting clothes to help paint the first intersection mural in Lawrence! All you need to bring is yourselves, a smile and your creativity!

Painting will start at 10:00 am and will continue until we are finished (this will go quickly so please come participate and leave your mark!) We will be creating a time lapse video to document this process, so come be apart of history!

Starting at 4:00 pm we will have live local music in the street, along with pizza, snacks, and beverages (booze-y

and non) to celebrate our hard work and amazing community! Please feel free to bring a potluck dish after 4:00 to share with neighbors.

We will also have games and crafts for little ones to partake in!

Let's celebrate Lawrence, Creativity and Ourselves with the Lawrence Intersection Mural! Hope to see you there!

Love,

The Lawrence Intersection Repair Team

Please look for flyers, info in the ELNA E-news and on our Facebook page for date confirmation!

from the City of Lawrence

Compost and Woodchip Sale

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE EVENT

Thursday, March 24, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The city will load by tractor into pick-up trucks and trailers. The city cannot load trucks with ladder racks. Patrons are asked to bring a tarp for their pickup to secure the woodchips, preventing them from littering the roadway as they drive from the facility. The cost of the compost or woodchips will be \$10 per bucket load, which is equivalent to 2 cubic yards. CASH only.

For more information on the compost or woodchip sale, please call (785) 832-3030 or email recycling@lawrenceks.org.

COMPOST & WOODCHIP SALE - SELF LOAD ONLY

Every Saturday, March - mid-December, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Compost and woodchips are for SELF LOAD ONLY. Self-loading pick-up truck or trailer loads will be \$10 per load and small quantities will be free. CASH only. Please bring a shovel. This sale will be during scheduled brush drop-off hours.

What is Compost?

Compost consists of decayed organic matter and has been proven to be extremely successful as a natural soil amendment. Lawrence Community Compost is made from the yard trimmings and small woody debris collected curbside on Monday mornings, as well as grass clippings, leaves, and woody debris from some commercial lawn care providers.

What is Mulch?

Mulch is a material used to cover the soil. Most mulches are organic (woodchips, unfinished compost, straw) but inorganics such as lava rock or limestone can add an appealing, low maintenance touch. Good mulch conserves water by reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. The woodchips the City sells are made from tree materials brought in from residential and commercial sources.

Spring Electronic Recycling and Document Shredding Event

Rain or Shine Event

Saturday, March 19th 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m

Free State High School parking lot, 4700 Overland Dr.

According to the Consumer Electronics Association (CEA), Americans now own approximately 24 electronic products per household. For households in Lawrence, that is approximately 675,000 electronic items that would eventually need recycling. Donating used electronics for reuse extends the lives of valuable products, and recycling electronics at the end of their usable life prevents valuable materials from going into the waste stream--which can harm the environment and our health.

The City of Lawrence invites residents and small businesses to recycle unused or obsolete electronic equipment. Electronic equipment may contain hazardous components such as lead, mercury and cadmium. Recycling your unwanted electronic equipment keeps these hazardous components out of the landfill.

No fee for document shredding (maximum of 3 bags/boxes). Secure document shredding will be provided by Jayhawk File Express. Documents will be collected on-site at the event and securely shredded off-site. Documents with staples, paperclips, spring bound papers, and glue bound papers are permitted.

Items accepted for recycling:

Computers, Monitors, Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Televisions*, Video and Audio Equipment, Cell Phones and other Hand Held Devices, Microwaves and other Small Appliances

* Recycling fee (Cash or Checks ONLY):

\$20.00 per CRT television under 27 inches

\$40.00 per CRT television over 27 inches

\$50.00 per rear projection/console TV

no charge for other electronics

Items NOT accepted:

Large Appliances (Refrigerators, AC Units, Dehumidifiers) (Look for a form to "request a residential special item pickup service" for large appliances on the City website.)

VHS tapes and CDs

Hazardous Waste (Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Compressed Gas Cylinders)

Contact the Waste Reduction and Recycling Office to schedule an appointment at (785) 832-3030 to schedule a drop-off appointment at the City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Save the Dates!

Put these events on your calendars, neighbors. You can attend, volunteer, or just watch out for parking! Look in the May/June issue of the East Lawrence news for more details on event locations, dates, times, etc, plus road closure maps.

from The Lawrence Arts Center: Freestate Festival 2016

Save the Date for Free State Festival 2016! Each June, the Free State Festival brings the highest caliber of independent film, music, art, and ideas to the City of Lawrence and the regional community. This year's festival will run from Monday, June 20th through Saturday, June 25th, and will feature performances by Radio Lab founder and co-host Jad Abumrad and stand-up comedian and television star Maria Bamford. More announcements to come! Check out www.freestatefestival.org

Want to participate? Submit a film or event proposal here: <http://freestatefestival.org/submissions>

Want to volunteer? Pick up a volunteer form at the front desk or click here: <http://www.lawrenceartscenter.org/volunteer/> Anyone who volunteers during the run of the Festival, from June 20th-25th, will receive one free FSF movie ticket—although movie choices may be limited based on ticket sales. More questions? Don't hesitate to email Festival Director Sarah Bishop: sarah@lawrenceartscenter.org

from Just Food: Food Truck Festival 2016

Pending formal consent from the City, the 3rd Annual Kansas Food Truck Festival 2016 is tentatively scheduled

for May 7th from 4 to 10pm. The festival will be held on Pennsylvania Street from 9th to 8th, plus some on side streets. (Street closures begin at noon that day.) Due to the great success of the first and second year festivals, and with input from attendees and planners, the Food Truck Festival will be returning with more food trucks, street performers, and live entertainment. Approximately 26 food trucks from Lawrence and across the region will be serving up delicious dishes of all varieties.

With over 3,000 guests, the 2015 Food Truck Festival raised \$22,000 for Just Food, Douglas County's Food Bank, making it the organization's largest annual fundraiser. Last year's funds provided over 100,000 meals for Douglas County residents.

For more information about the festival, visit www.ksfoodtruckfest.com. For more information about Just Food and the services provided there, visit <http://justfood.org/>

You may contact Food Truck Festival organizers with your input and concerns:

Jennifer Letner, Cider Gallery Director,
Jennifer@cidergallery.com

Elizabeth Keever, Just Food Director,
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East Ninth Update

The final plan for 9th Street will have been submitted by el dorado by February 29th. A plan for viewing should be available on the City website shortly thereafter. The East Ninth CAC will have taken an up or down vote on the plan at the meeting on March 2nd. The plan will then be presented by el dorado associates at the March ELNA meeting (Monday March 7th, 7pm at New York School). It will then appear before the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission on March 9th, the Historic Resources Commission on March 24th, and then finally on to the City Commission for the ultimate up or down vote on March 29th.

Minutes and agendas from previous meetings, as well as previous documents can be found at the City's East Ninth page: <https://www.lawrenceks.org/9th-street-corridor-project>

Don't have a computer or access to the Internet? Call the city at (785) 832-3400 or el dorado, inc. at (816) 474-3838.

With your questions, you may also contact the staff project liaison: Porter Arneill, Director of Arts & Culture parneill@lawrenceks.org, 785-832-3402.



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150 Years Ago, on New York Street

—Lane Eisenbart, research by Dave Evans

At the December ELNA meeting, attendees learned that a row of houses in the 1200 block of New York Street have been purchased by an individual, and are currently being assessed for repair or demolition. Upon hearing about the possible imperil of those several homes, ELNA's historian friend, Dave Evans, (whose email handle is dusty0research, as an indicator) has been pouring over newspaper, City, and County records for information about the houses' histories.

With a human history slant (who lived in a place? what was their life like there? who was born or died there and who got hitched?) to what Dave Evans found, here are the highlights from a century or so ago at 1225, 1229, and 1235 New York St. Thanks for the dig, Dave!

1225 New York Street (lot 153) was owned by Mary and Henry McFaddan, and the home presumably built by them. Kate and Dennis Kehler bought the lot in 1884. Dennis Kehler came to Lawrence with the first wave of settlers and was a Quantrill's Raid survivor. He was an Irish immigrant and wagon driver and well known and liked in town. Dennis Kehler died of influenza in 1893 and his heirs sold the lot to John and Maggie Standing.

John and Maggie Standing, along with four daughters, had immigrated from England, and after farming for a time in Iowa (one more daughter was born there) and in rural Douglas County, came to Lawrence to try a new trade. John found his vocation as a coal seller, delivering the "best cleanest coal to customers in all parts of the city"² from his coal yards on East Warren Street (now 9th) and his shop, Cash Feed and Fuel, at Henry (now 8th) and Vermont Street.

John Standing died, of kidney failure, at his home, in 1910. The funeral and family viewing were held there as well. John was buried in Oak Hill cemetery. John Standing's wife, unmarried children, and other extended family continued to live at 1225 New York for many years after.

1912 was a significant year at 1225 New York Street. On May Day of 1912, one of the younger Standing children, Maud, aged 25, had her wedding there. "Maud Standing and Mr. Ferbus A Dickenson were united in marriage at the home of the bride, 1225 New York Street. Rev. Calvin Choate of the Friends Church performed the ceremony, which took place in the living room. Throughout the home, apple blossoms and sweet peas were used in

the decoration.”¹ The newlyweds lived thereafter at 1112 Connecticut Street. Later that year, in November, another Standing daughter, Margaret Emily Standing, died in the home, returning in “ill health from the Crow Agency in Montana where she’d been a teacher the previous 12 years.” She was 46 years old.

1225 New York Street stayed in the Standing family until May of 1937.

1229 New York Street (lot 155) was built between 1866 and 1867 by August Olson, a Swedish immigrant.

1229 New York Street stayed in the Olson family until October of 1945. August Olson was a grocer, as well as a buyer and shipper of fruits and vegetables. He stocked all kinds of “staple and fancy groceries [including] a fine line of syrups, flour in quantity, [and] tobaccos”² at his shop at the corner of Henry (now 8th) and Vermont Streets. Standing of 1225 and Olson of 1229 were neighbors and friends, as well as occasional business partners, both holding business premises at 8th and Vermont Streets.

August Olson died, in the home, in 1897 of a brief and unnamed illness. Mrs. Olson, Matilda, continued to live in the home until her death in 1927 at 82 years old. Services were held there at 1229 New York on November 14th, 1927. She had lived there with her husband and children for 52 years.

As a side note, the Olsons were active, integral members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, the building still standing at 10th and Connecticut. Due to low membership, the church was disbanded and sold in 1910.

The Olsons had six children. One died in infancy and another in his late twenties. One daughter married and moved to Kansas City, while her three remaining sons Victor, Arthur, and Axel all stayed in Lawrence and had families of their own. Arthur took ownership of 1229 New York Street, while Axel moved to the 1600 block of Rhode Island Street. (Arthur sold the home at 1229 New York Street some time in 1945 and moved to 2309 Mass Street.) Axel was a bookkeeper for the Poehler Mercantile Company for nearly a decade and then went into the plumbing business with his brother Arthur. Proclaiming “no job will be too big nor too small to receive careful attention, and all repair work will be attended to promptly”³, the Olson brothers set up shop at 934 Mass Street. The Olson Brother Plumbing Co stayed in business there for 44 years.

1235 New York Street has a less clear cut history, changing hands many times.

1235 New York Street (lot 157) is composed of pre-1873 stone according to records. The taxable value of the home

is listed first in 1867 at \$500 registered to one Simon Steinberg. Simon Steinberg was German Jew who left Nuernberg in 1846 at the age of 13. In 1865, he opened a dry goods store here in Lawrence. Steinberg eventually moved to St Louis, but in his time in Lawrence, served on the Lawrence City Council as a member of the committee on finance and as the vice-president of the Turnverein. Steinberg was an example resident of the “district east of Massachusetts Street, between New Hampshire and New York Street... recognized as the main focal point of German institutions” in Lawrence.⁵

Sarah E Hadley then purchased 1235 New York Street in 1868, but didn’t own it long, selling it to James Shearer just two years later. Mrs. Sarah E Hadley apparently owned and lived at 833 New Jersey, now the site of Kennedy Glass, dying there in 1888.

James Shearer was an immigrant and older man, who is noted in newspapers from the time as “quiet and unostentatious, and few outside of his immediate circle of friends and the church knew him,” and as a “pillar of strength to the United Presbyterian Church.”⁴ Shearer owned 1235 New York for just over ten years, but it is unclear if he ever lived there.

Mary J McCullough is listed as paying the taxes on lot 157 New York Street in 1881, though never lived in the house. Some readers may recognize the name Mary McCullough as a turn of the century real estate speculator, at one time owning an entire block of Mass Street between 9th and 10th, the site of a massive fire in 1887.

After 1884, deed books indicate a long line of owners for 1235 New York Street, lot 157. Names such as Kauffman, Eichlotz, and Long repeat until the lot split in 1888, presumably 2/3 with the house going one way, and a 1/3 lot another.

In the years between 1867, the first deed entry for 1229 New York Street, and 1927, the year Mrs. Matilda Olson died there, a lot of life happened on the south end of the 1200 block of New York Street. At least five people took their final breaths in those homes, one couple exchanged marriage vows, one woman doled out over 50 years and three-fifths of her life, and possibly all six of the Olson children were born there, in just that short sixty year span. There’s no question much more has happened in the 1200 block of New York Street since, and, if the homes remain, even more East Lawrence history is sure to occur.

look on our website eastlawrence.com under the heading Dave Evans! for references for this article

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Support us. Let us support you.

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\$10.00 for in-neighborhood non-profit entities \$20.00 for in-neighborhood businesses
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- We print the names of new and returning members in the bimonthly paper newsletter. Check here if it's OK to print your name.
- We're working on creating a block-by-block calling/check-in network of neighbors to contact in the event of an emergency. It's a work in progress. Check here if you'd like to be contacted about being a BlockHead—a contact person for your block in the event of emergency or issue.
- Check here if you'd like to be added to our "Thursday ELNA News" weekly e-newsletter email list.

Send this form and your check payable to ELNA to:

ELNA, PO Box 442393 Lawrence KS 66044

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Mark what ELNA events/skills you would like to volunteer for:

- Work Days
- YART (Yard/Art) Sale
- Block Party
- Adopt-A-Family
- Art
- Music
- Photography
- Gardening
- Grilling
- Fund Raising
- Historic Preservation
- Serving on the ELNA Board
- Website/Technical Management
- Baking/Cooking
- Other: _____